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ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to arrange delivery of improved Artificial Insemination (AI) Service at farmers door-step;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for modernization of AI network with doubling of capacity for frozen semen production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ninth Plan Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding envisage delivery of breeding inputs at the farmers doorstep. The Scheme also envisage radically improving coverage of bovine population under organised breeding programme, improvement in quality of bulls used for natural service, conservation of indigenous breed, optimum utilisation and enhancement of capacity in institutional infrastructure as well as developing synergies among major players.

(c): Detailed guidelines for formulation of State sub-project have already been circulated and assistance released to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.Proposals from a number of States have been received and are being scrutinised. Strengthening of sperm stations and bull mother farms, institutional restructuring to improve quality and supply of breeding inputs, a radical human resource development programme for skill upgradation of personnel, quality control of services and inputs, cost recovery of services and inputs and adherence to scientific programme for genetic improvement are being insisted upon in States assisted under National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.